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Applicants: BURR ET AL.

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Title: COMMUNICATION BUS SUITABLE  
FOR USE IN A HAZARDOUS AREA  
OF A PROCESS PLANT

Group Art Unit: 2836

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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OCTOBER 6, 2008 OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is being submitted in response to the Office action dated October 6, 2008. Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office action. This response is therefore timely filed within the extended period of response. This response is accompanied by a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time, and by the requisite petition fee in the amount of \$1,110.00 charged to the undersigned's credit card.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.